

Senate File 2254 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2254
BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2076)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing the issuance of special hunting licenses to
2 certain nonresident disabled veterans and members of the
3 armed forces serving on active federal service.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, Code Supplement 2011, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 10A. The commission shall issue a special
4 hunting license to a disabled nonresident who has served in the
5 armed forces of the United States on active federal service
6 and was disabled during that veteran's military service or who
7 is serving in the armed forces of the United States on active
8 federal service and has been awarded the purple heart for
9 disabilities incurred in action, to enable the disabled person
10 to participate in a hunt that is conducted by a nonprofit
11 organization that conducts hunting experiences in this state
12 for disabled veterans and members of the armed forces serving
13 on active federal service. The licenses shall be issued as
14 follows:

15 a. The department shall prepare an application to be used by
16 a person requesting a special license under this subsection.

17 (1) The department shall verify that the license will
18 be used by the applicant in connection with a hunt conducted
19 by an approved nonprofit organization that conducts hunting
20 experiences in this state for disabled veterans and members
21 of the armed forces serving on active federal service. The
22 department shall specify, by rules adopted under chapter 17A,
23 what requirements a nonprofit organization must meet in order
24 to be approved to conduct hunts for disabled persons who obtain
25 licenses under this subsection.

26 (2) The department of veterans affairs shall assist the
27 department in verifying the status or claims of applicants
28 under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "*disabled*"
29 means that a veteran is entitled to a service connected rating
30 under 38 U.S.C. ch. 11 with a degree of disability of thirty
31 percent or more or that a person who is serving in the armed
32 forces of the United States on active federal service has been
33 awarded the purple heart for disabilities incurred in action.

34 b. A disabled veteran or member of the armed forces serving
35 on active federal service who receives a special license under

1 this subsection shall purchase a hunting license and pay the
2 wildlife habitat fee, all for the same fee that is charged to
3 resident hunters.

4 *c.* A license issued under this subsection is valid for use
5 only on a hunt conducted by a nonprofit organization approved
6 under this subsection.

7 *d.* The commission shall issue no more than forty of each of
8 the special licenses available under this subsection per year.

9 *e.* The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for
10 the administration of this subsection.

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EXPLANATION

12 This bill requires the natural resource commission to issue
13 a special hunting license to a disabled nonresident who has
14 served in the armed forces of the United States on active
15 federal service and was disabled during that veteran's military
16 service or who is serving in the armed forces of the United
17 States on active federal service and has been awarded the
18 purple heart for disabilities incurred in action, to enable
19 the person to participate in a hunt that is conducted by a
20 nonprofit organization that conducts hunting experiences in
21 this state for such persons.

22 The commission is required to verify that an applicant for
23 a special hunting license is entitled to a service connected
24 disability rating of 30 percent or more or is serving in
25 the armed forces and has been awarded the purple heart for
26 disabilities incurred in action, and that the license will
27 be used in connection with a hunt conducted by an approved
28 nonprofit organization. The commission shall adopt rules
29 specifying the requirements for a nonprofit organization to be
30 approved to hold such hunts.

31 A disabled nonresident receiving a special license under
32 the bill must purchase a hunting license and pay the wildlife
33 habitat fee, all for the same fee that is charged to resident
34 hunters and complete the hunter safety and ethics education
35 course.

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1 The commission is limited to issuing no more than 40 of the
2 special hunting licenses available under the bill per year.

3 The commission is required to adopt rules pursuant to Code
4 chapter 17A to administer the provisions of the bill.